

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
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Kazunori TANAKA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2851  
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Application No.: 10/523,994 : Group Art Unit: 2874  
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Filed: February 09, 2005 : Examiner: Hoang Q. Tran  
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For: COATED OPTICAL FIBER AND COATED OPTICAL FIBER WITH CONNECTOR

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated February 27, 2009.

In reviewing the file, it is noted that we have not received an acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement and cited art filed November 17, 2006. Enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and stamped return postcard acknowledgement.


Applicants hereby respectfully request that:

- (1) the acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicant; and
- (2) the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of

record.

Respectfully submitted,

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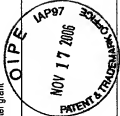
  
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Applicant: Kazuo TANAKA, et al.		Docket No. 049577-0165		Serial No. 10/523,994	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.

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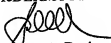
References **JP 2000-351920 A**, **JP 2-146005 A**, and **JP 2-212339 A** were cited in the Japanese Office Action issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-043338 and their relevance is discussed therein. A copy of the foreign office action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information.

References **JP 2001-316537 A**, **JP 2001-83380 A**, **JP 2000-241676 A**, and **JP 2001-278641 A** were cited in each corresponding foreign office action cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and their relevance is discussed therein. A copy of each foreign office action, together with English language versions thereof, are attached for the Examiner's information.

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		JP 2001-316537 A	11-16-2001	RIKEN VINYL INDUSTRY CO LTD		JAPAN (w/English Abstract)
		JP 2000-361920 A	12-19-2000	TAKEDA CHEM IND LTD		JAPAN (w/English Abstract)
		JP 2-146005 A	06-05-1990	FUJIKURA LTD		JAPAN (w/English Abstract)
		JP 2001-83380 A	03-30-2001	SUMITOMO ELECTRIC IND LTD		JAPAN (w/English Abstract)
		JP 2000-241676 A	09-08-2000	TOYOKUNI ELECTRIC CABLE CO LTD		JAPAN (w/English Abstract)
		JP 2001-278641 A	10-10-2001	SUMITOMO ELECTRIC IND LTD		JAPAN (w/English Abstract)
		JP 2-212339 A	08-23-1990	FUJIKURA LTD		JAPAN (w/English Abstract)

## OTHER ART (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

EXAMINER'S INITIALS	CITE NO.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
		Japanese Office Action issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-044074, dated October 12, 2006
		Japanese Office Action issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-043338, dated October 12, 2006

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